

“FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE”

INTRODUCTION

Read and explain Psa. 139:14. The wisdom of God is fearfully seen in His ability to take dust of the ground, and breath into it, and make a marvelous human being, with bones, flesh and blood, and with the ability for it to reproduce itself into multiplied billions through the centuries. This being has a soul within it that can prepare to live eternally in the world to come. Each individual is endowed with the 5 senses of SIGHT, HEARING, TASTING, SMELLING and TOUCHING. These 5 senses makes life more enjoyable and helpful in life. The body is indeed “fearfully and wonderfully made. Now, God’s plan for the CHURCH is based on the human **body**. Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:13 (14ff, on “foot, eye, ear”) v. 17. Now let’s take the members of the physical body, and apply it to the spiritual body, the church.

DISCUSSION

I. In the 1st place, let’s consider the HEAD, which is CHRIST.

- A. Every body **has** to have it’s head, which controls the entire body.
1. Christ is the “head” of the spiritual body, as we have shown.
 2. This head resides in heaven. Acts 1:11; Heb. 8:1; 1 Pet. 3:21-22
 3. This head once lived on earth to shed His “blood” for man’s salvation.
- B. Christ the Head gives instructions to the body on earth, through the written word, just as the mind of man gives instructions to the physical body.
Matt. 28:18; Luke 6:46

II. In the 2nd place, let’s consider the REST of the body under Christ.

- A. 1st, we begin with the “**mind**” or “spiritual heart”. Phil. 2:5
1. From the heart, one must OBEY. Matt. 13:15; Rom. 6:17-18
 2. Then, we are to “think” on good things. Cf Matt. 5:28; Phil. 4:7-8
- B. 2nd, we go to the other end of the physical body, the “**feet**”, that moves us about.
1. We use our feet to GO and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 10:13-15...
 2. We use our feet in our “walk” upon the earth.
 - a. We are to walk worthy of God. 1 Thess. 2:12
 - b. We are to walk in truth. 2 John 4
 - c. We are to walk in love. Eph. 5:2
 - d. We are to walk in wisdom. Col. 4:5
 - e. We are to walk in the light. 1 John 1:7
 - f. We are to walk by faith. 2 Cor. 5:7
 - g. We are to walk honestly. Rom. 13:13
- C. 3rd, there re the “**hands**” of the body.
1. The miraculous gifts of the Spirit in the early church was through the laying on of the apostles’ hands. Acts 8:18
 2. Christians are to work with their hands to live and help the needy. Eph.4:28
 3. We are to use our hands in the work of the Lord, in doing such things as helping others in emergencies, such as cooking and doing chores for the family.
Eccl. 9:10
- D. 4th, there the “**eyes**” of the church, signifying “vision”.

1. Each member is to “look” into the scripture. Acts 17:11; 2 Tim.2:15; Rev. 1:3
2. We are to look at the lost world to help save it. John 4:35
3. We are to look to Jesus as our Lord and example. Heb.12:1-2
4. We are to look for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Tit. 2:13
5. We are to look forward to the new life in heaven. 2 Pet. 3:12-14

E. 5th, there are the “**ears**” of church members.

1. We are to hear the truth of God. Matt. 13:15; Rom. 10:17
2. We are to hear the cries of the lost.

F. 6th, there is the “**mouth**” of the church.

1. Each one coming into the church confesses with the mouth. Rom.10:9-10
2. Each one is to confess sins and pray for forgiveness—with the mouth. Jas. 5:16
3. We are to use our mouth in teaching the lost, and giving words of encouragement.

G. 7th, and finally, there is the “**blood**” of every physical body, which flows through its veins to keep it alive, for life is IN the blood. Lev. 17:11; Acts 17:26

1. Jesus SHED His blood for our salvation. Matt. 26:28
2. Jesus used His blood to purchase the church. Acts 20:28
3. Jesus’ blood saves when one obeys. Rev. 1:5; cf Acts 22:16; 2:38
4. Jesus’ blood continues to be available to enable us to enjoy forgiveness when we sin. 1 John 1:7
5. We remember Jesus’ blood each Lord’s day as we take of the communion. 1 Cor. 11:25

CONCLUSION

I. The church as a body, was “fearfully and wonderfully” created by God, as planned from eternity.

A. It can best function when all it’s members meet together in unison as they meet together, sing together, pray together, study together, commune together, and work together in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58

1. When one member is absent even from one assembly, the whole church lacks that much being full strength. Cf Eph. 4:15; 1 Cor. 14:20 (“the **whole** church”)
2. Would not your physical body be weaker if your hand went fish, or your legs went horseback riding and the rest of your body tried to carry on it’s work?
3. If the Lord decided to return at the very hour the congregation is scheduled to worship God, and save that those present in worship that hour, what would your eternal destiny be?

B. Let us strive to give glory to God in the church. Eph. 3:21

II. If you are not a member of the body of Christ, we encourage you to come this hour and be baptized into that one body.

III. If you have not been doing your part in the body of Christ, and need the prayers of the brethren for your forgiveness, with a desire to do better in the future, we encourage you to make it known this hour.

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